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## Statements made by State under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

**Country:** Spain (First Cycle, 2010)

**Date of the statement:** 17th HRC session – June 9 2011

“In respect to the recommendation on the competence of the Committee established under the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances from Argentina, this was carried out on the 5th of January 2011, when Spain submitted to the Secretary General in New York an instrument implementing the declarations 31 and 32 of that Convention recognizing the competence of that Committee. Now, with respect of recommendation on the adoption of a full national strategy to combat racism and xenophobia made by Belgium, I like to stress that the Spanish Monitoring Center to Combat Racism and Xenophobia is coordinating the preparation of a national comprehensive strategy to combat racism based on studies, research and the work of a network of government and private bodies.

Thirdly, the recommendation on the plan to combat religious discrimination from Iran, my delegation would say that to complete count legislation in Spain with respect to equal treatment and the fight against discrimination, the 7th of January the Council of Ministers approved a first reading of the preliminary draft on equal treatment and nondiscrimination. Fourth, the recommendation on measures to prevent offences including acts of aggression by police and prisoner guarders made by the Netherlands, I would like to say that to strengthen the guarantees of citizens with respect to the police forces, to improve the training of police official steps have been taken.

Now with respect to the recommendation on the strengthen and incorporation to combat human trafficking made by Canada, Spain among others adopted a criminal code bringing that into line with international texts to combat trafficking. Sixthly, the recommendation on strengthening the policies to promote the human rights of children, in December 2010 we adopted the Third Plan Against Sexual Exploitation of Children.

Seventh, recommendation by Israel on integration of the Gypsy community, I would like to note that within the framework of the Plan of Action for the Gypsy Community approved on the 9 of April 2010, special attention is being paid to this community's access to education, employment and health from various angles. A first international congress on the Gitan



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Community was held in Barcelona and the First World Congress of Gypsy Women to take place on November 2011.”

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"I would like to say on behalf of my delegation, that, as a proof of the commitment and the importance that Spain has with respect to the UPR, only a few weeks back, we sent to the office of the high commissioner the follow-up report concerning implementation of the recommendations received during the review of my country in May 2010. I will now refer to some of them:

First of all, in accordance with resolution 9/12 of this Council, Spain has signed and ratified the main international human rights instruments, including recent instruments, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the 3rd Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In addition, the Human Rights Plan of Spain covering the period 2008 – 2012 contains measures that have already been carried out or are in an advanced stage of development. We would like to add that the legislator that was elected in November of last year has already decided that the executive branch should draw up a strategy to give follow-up to this plan throughout its time in office. In addition, we have adopted the Organic law 5/2010 of June 22 which makes it possible to criminalise the offense of trafficking as a separate crime covering all of its forms, as well as the plan to combat trafficking in human persons with the purpose of sexual exploitation. [...] In combating discrimination, racism, and xenophobia, Spain has implemented many of the recommendations put forward by CERD, particularly through studies and analyses by the Spanish Observation Centre on Racism and Xenophobia. Also, Spain has shown great commitment to respecting and fostering the rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration through new regulations on foreign minors in 2011. In addition to these aforementioned measures, Spain continues to work towards its next review, which will be carried out in 2015 with a view to reducing areas which human rights are not fully exercised and the cases where there are violation of these rights by public or private actors. It is this two-track approach of promotion and protection that this State reviews to continue improving its domestic legislation including new plans and strategies and re-shaping or establishing the institutions that prove to be necessary".